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The Effects of the GST

THE EFFECTS OF THE GST

The December edition of **Australian Economic Indicators** (Cat. no. 1350.0) includes a feature article on **Measuring the impact of the new tax system on the September Quarter 2000 Consumer Price Index**. An experimental constant tax rate measure has been developed to help users assess the impact of the new tax system on the CPI. The July edition of this publication has a feature article summarising the impact of the new tax system on ABS statistics and collections. See **The Impact of the New Tax System on ABS Statistics**.

Census 2001

CENSUS 2001

The ABS is preparing for the July 2001 **Census of Population and Housing**. New topics include ancestry and the use of personal computers and the internet. Collection strategies for the enumeration of Indigenous, ethnic and homeless peoples are currently being developed. To mark the Centenary of Federation individuals will be given the opportunity for their details to be stored in a "Time Capsule" by the National Archives of Australia and released after 99 years. For further information please contact Graham Morey on (02) 9268 4692.

Measuring Australia's Progress

MEASURING AUSTRALIA'S PROGRESS

Measuring Australia's Progress (MAP) is a project which aims to go beyond GDP to identify social, economic and environmental indicators of Australia's progress. The project team is interested in getting feedback about MAP, as well as hearing of similar initiatives elsewhere in Australia. If you wish to discuss the project please contact Jon Hall (02) 6252 7221, email Jon.Hall@abs.gov.au.

Foreign Investment

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

In 1998-99 more than 14 billion dollars was invested in NSW by private businesses whose country of origin was unknown to the ABS. Given this, ABS NSW are working to identify the country of origin of the businesses involved. This is expected to be completed by December 2000 and an information paper released in early 2001. A similar project has produced experimental estimates of new foreign and domestic private capital investment in Western Australia (Cat. no. 5674.5). For further information, contact Paul Molloy (02) 9268 4855, email paul.molloy@abs.gov.au.

Geography

GEOGRAPHY

The Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC) will be expanded in 2001. It will include two new ways of reporting regional data. An indicator of remoteness, ARIA (Accessibility and Remoteness Index of Australia) has been developed. The classification of urban, small and large towns will also change. For the first time suburb level data from the 2001 census will be available for Sydney and parts of Melbourne.

Indigenous Communities

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

A repeat of the Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS) is planned just before the 2001 Census. This will help in evaluating the needs of Indigenous communities and the effectiveness of service delivery programs.

Local Government Review

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

ABS is conducting a review of statistical collections with Local Governments across Australia. This is expected to be completed in April 2001 and aims to review data collection arrangements, assess the requirements of Local Governments, improve ABS services and statistical information to local governments and assess the potential for obtaining data from council administrative systems. Organisations interested in making a submission to the review should contact Patrick Corr (02) 9268 4705, email patrick.corr@abs.gov.au Further details can be found in Review of Local Governments Statistical Arrangements.

Australian Social Trends

AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL TRENDS

Australian Social Trends, 2000 (Cat. no. 4102.0) was released in July. It presents information on contemporary social issues and areas of public policy concern. The leading article highlights changes in social conditions since the beginning of the 20th century. Also featured are disadvantage in rural and regional Australia and the housing and other social conditions of the Indigenous population. Each of the 7 chapters include social indicator summary tables that show how aspects of social well-being change over time and how circumstances differ between States. For further information contact Denise Carlton (02) 6252 7187, email denise.carlton@abs.gov.au.

Illicit Drugs

ILLICIT DRUGS

The ABS has developed the **Australian Standard Classification of Drugs of Concern**, (Cat. No. 1248.0) to encourage comparability of data from different sources. It also plans to increase analysis and dissemination of drug data, with an information paper being released in early 2001 that brings together ABS and non-ABS sources of information. An article on deaths due to drug abuse is being scheduled for the 2001 issue of Australian Social Trends.

Household Expenditure

HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE

The 1998-99 **Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Detailed Expenditure Items** (Cat no. 6535.0) was released in September. It contains household expenditure data for over 400 items cross-classified by state and territory and income quintiles. A confidentialised unit record file will be available in December. This can be used to manipulate data, produce tabulations and undertake statistical analyses.

Information Technology

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Results on **Business Use of Information Technology** (Cat. no. 8129.0) are due out in December. This looks at the use of the internet by businesses for the 1999-2000 financial year and includes estimates of goods and services ordered via the internet and the value of these transactions.

Use of the Internet by Householders (Cat. no. 8147.0) was released on 21 November. The survey of household use of IT found that more than one third (34%) of households had home internet access in August 2000. The publication also contains a feature article on the use of computers and the internet by children.

ABS has completed the development of a quarterly census of Internet Service Providers. Information collected includes: subscriber details, service issues and infrastructure. **Internet Activity, Australia** will be released in January (Cat. no. 8153.0).

National Accounts

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

A revised issue of **Australian National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods** is available on the ABS web site. It provides a comprehensive description of the concepts, sources and methods used to compile Australia's national and state accounts and will be released in printed form in early 2001. For further information contact Ross Harvey on 02 6252 6713, email ross.harvey@abs.gov.au.

Crime and Safety

CRIME AND SAFETY

Crime and Safety, NSW April 2000 (Cat. no. 4509.1) is being released on 13 December. This contains statistics on break and enter, attempted break and enter, motor vehicle theft, robbery, assault and sexual assault in the previous 12 months as well as perceptions of crime problems in the neighbourhood. For further information contact Naomi Millar (02) 9268 4675, email naomi.millar@abs.gov.au.

Demography NSW

DEMOGRAPHY NSW

Demography, New South Wales 1999 (Cat. no. 3311.1) will be released on 14 December. It contains statistics on population, births, deaths, migration, marriages and divorces for NSW in 1999. It also contains a special article on fertility which describes the trend of fertility rates in NSW Statistical Local Areas between 1992 to 1999 and highlights the declining trend of fertility occurring across NSW. For further information contact Katy White (02) 9268 4436, email katy.white@abs.gov.au.

Births Australia

BIRTHS AUSTRALIA

Births, Australia 1999 (Cat. no. 3301.0) was released on 17 November. It contains statistics, including time series and regional comparisons, on confinements and live births, age and birthplace of parents, marriage, nuptial and ex-nuptial births, single and multiple births. Special articles on food and nutrient consumption during pregnancy, teenage fertility and birth order specific fertility rates in Australia are also included. For further information contact Katrina Phelan, (02) 6252 65732, email katrina.phelan@abs.gov.au.

Agriculture

AGRICULTURE

The ABS recently released AgStats 2000. This CD-ROM product contains improved presentation of 1996-97 Agricultural Census data as well as results from 1997-98 and 1998-99 Agricultural Commodity Surveys. For further information contact Debbie Thomas (03) 6222 5948, email debbie.thomas@abs.gov.au.

Education and Training

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The theme page for the National Centre for Education and Training Statistics will soon be released on the web site. An update of the **Education and Training Directory** (Cat. no.1136.0) has been released. For further information contact Beth Wright on (02) 6252 6768.

Statistical Training

STATISTICAL TRAINING

ABS NSW Statistical Services provide a range of training courses. Courses offered next year include:

- Introduction to Statistics
- Producing Statistics from Administrative Data Collections
- Turning Data Into Information
- Principles of Questionnaire Design
- Analysing Data Made Simple
- Basic Survey Design
- Introduction to Sampling Techniques

They can also provide courses tailored to your specific training needs. For further information please contact Merran Butler on (02) 9268 4183, email m.butler@abs.gov.au.

AusStats

AUSSTATS

AusStats is a web based service updated daily at 11:30 am, providing access to the latest facts and figures about the nation. AusStats contains extensive linking between related information, full text search, bookmarking facility and lots more. AusStats is only available by subscription with options starting at \$1,080. For further information contact ABS on 1300 135 070, email client.services@abs.gov.au. Overseas clients please call 61 2 9268 4909.

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SELECTED RELEASES

SELECTED RELEASES OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2000

To order ABS publications please contact the Bookshop on (02) 9268 4620

1249.0	Australian Standard Classification of Cultural and Ethnic Groups (ASCCEG) , 2000-01 (\$36.00)
1350.0	Economic Indicators, Australia, November 2000 (\$33.00)
1350.0	Economic Indicators, New South Wales, November 2000 (\$17.50)
3301.0	Births, Australia 1999 (\$29.00)
3303.0	Causes of Death, Australia 1998 (\$26.00)
4177.0	Participation in Sport and Physical Activities, 1999-2000 (\$19.50)
4182.0	Australian Housing Survey; Housing Characteristics, Costs and Conditions, 1999 (\$25.00)
4433.0	Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Disability and Long Term Health Conditions, 1998 (\$23.00)
5220.0	Australian National Accounts: State Accounts, 1999-00 (\$21.00)
5240.0	Unpaid work and the Australian Economy (\$21.00)
5241.0.40.001	Australian National Accounts: National Balance Sheet, 1999-00 (\$49.00)
5249.0	Australian National Accounts: Tourism Satellite Account (\$24.00)
5368.0	International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia, Sep 2000 (\$17.50)
6201.1	Labour Force, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, August Quarter 2000 (\$23.00)
6203.0	Labour Force, Australia, Oct 2000 (\$24.00)
6310.0	Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, Australia (\$24)
6401.0	Consumer Price Index, Australia, Sep 2000 (\$19.00)
7111.0	Principal Agricultural Commodities, Australia, Preliminary, 1999-00 (\$17.00)
8147.0	Use of the Internet by Householders, Australia, August 2000
8126.0	Information Technology, Australia, 1998-99 (\$21.00)
8221.1	Manufacturing Industry, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, 1998-99 (\$21.00)
8635.1.40.001	Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, New South Wales, June Quarter 2000, Data-report hardcopy (\$70.00)
8752.1	Building Activity, New South Wales, June Quarter 2000 (\$18.00)

SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2000

Release dates for Major Economic Indicators can be obtained from the ABS web site. On the Welcome Page go to Releases out soon.

1244.0	Information Paper: ABS Views on Remoteness (\$10.00)
1271.0	Information Paper: Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) (\$10.00)
1301.0	Year Book Australia (\$80.00)
3302.0	Deaths Australia (\$25.00)
3311.1	Demography, New South Wales 1999 (\$27.00)
4509.1	Crime and Safety, NSW April 2000 (\$17.00)

4712.0	1999 Australian Housing Survey: Indigenous Results (\$21.00)
4901.0 First issue	Children's Participation in Cultural Leisure Activities, Australia (\$20.00)
6227.0	Transition from Education to Work, Australia (\$20.00)
6440.0	A Guide to the CPI: 14th Series (\$10.00)
6544.0.30.001	Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Confidentialised Unit Record File on CD-ROM (\$8,000.00)
8635.1.40.001	Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, New South Wales (\$70)
8225.0	Manufacturing Australia, 2000 (\$33)

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